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Dear Mr. Anttonen:

Re: Hanford Waste Vitrification Plant (HWVP) Milestones
 Commitments M-03-00

During our most recent review of the Project Master Schedule for the HWVP project, it again appears apparent that major decisions required to keep the project on schedule are being delayed. Continued delays in key project decisions consume valuable float time in the project schedule and obviously jeopardize your ability to meet project milestone commitments.

My current concern with near term milestones is based on the date and content of Key Decision 3B. It is my understanding that the approval to begin construction of the vitrification foundation has been removed from Key Decision 3B. Specifically, construction work eliminated from this decision includes mass excavation for the HWVP complex (Package C200) and construction of the HWVP building foundation (Package C210A). The only major construction items remaining in Key Decision 3B are those related to canister storage building mass excavation (Package C200) and concrete foundation work (Package C350).

The HWVP project master schedule indicates that Key Decision 3B was originally scheduled for October 20, 1992, as required to support Interim Milestone M-03-04 (initiate construction of canister storage building) and Interim Milestone M-03-05 (initiate construction of the vitrification building by March 1993). The project master schedule does not indicate any scheduled float time for starting these projects. Consequently, it is apparent that any delays in approving Key Decision 3B, will jeopardize your ability to meet the above mentioned Milestone M-03-05 dates.

I have also noted that the Project Master Schedule indicates any missed interim milestone will put all remaining project milestones in jeopardy, in that the project schedule as it now exists has been compressed to the extent that no float time remains.



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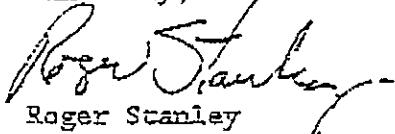
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In past discussions, you and John Tseng have assured me that U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) is taking all actions necessary to initiate construction of the HWVP building by March 1993. Given the information cited above and our need to follow the progress of this critical issue, I would appreciate the submittal of a written, detailed, schedule which specifies the time-lines and decision making process which you are currently following for this project. Further, I would also like a written statement detailing how the changes in Key Decision 3B will be accommodated in your work schedules and allow USDOE to meet subsequent project milestones as required pursuant to the Hanford Federal Facility and Consent Order.

Thank you for recognizing the importance of this issue to the State of Washington and the importance of a timely response. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (206) 438-7020.

Sincerely,



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